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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CZECH FOREIGN MINISTER TO JORDAN

1. CZECHOSLOVAK FONMIN BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK (ACCOMPANIED BY FIVE SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS) MADE OFFICIAL VISIT TO JORDAN MAY 2-5. DURING WHAT WAS BILLED AS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT OF CZECH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE (INSPITE OF FACT CZECHS HAVE EMBASSY HERE), CHNOUPEK MET WITH KING HUSSEIN, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN, PM BADRAN AND MINSTATE FOR FONAFFAIRS IBRAHIM. PROGRAM INCLUDED SIGNING OF AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT THAT TRADE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED THIS SUMMER. MINSTATE IBRAHIM INVITED TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. ONLY ITEM OF NOTE AMONG ROUTINE SERIES OF STATEMENTS
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PUBLICIZED THROUGHOUT VISIT CAME FROM PM BADRAN. JOINT U.S.-SOVIET DECLARATION OF LAST OCTOBER, HE SAID, IS ONLY "HEALTHY WAY TO PEACE" AND "ONLY WAY OUT OF OBSTACLES CURRENTLY IMPEDING THE PEACE INITIATIVE".

3. COMMENT: SINCE EXCITEMENT OVER SADAT INITIATIVE ECLIPSED U.S.-SOVIET DECLARATION IN JORDANIAN THINKING WE BELIEVE

ITS RE-EMERGENCE IN PM'S REMARKS NOW MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN
MEANT AS A NOD TO THE CZECH ORIENTATION ON MIDDLE EAST
PROBLEMS THAN INDICATING ANY REAL INTEREST IN AN EARLY
REVIVAL OF THE GENEVA NEGOTIATION FRAMEWORK, ALTHOUGH
JORDANIAN FRUSTRATION OVER CURRENT IMPASSE MAY ALSO HAVE
PLAYED PART IN PM'S REMARKS.
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